

REMARKS

By way of the above amendment, Applicant has amended the claims to direct the subject matter to a specific bag type, namely a gusseted type bag. As is well established in the art, gusseted type bags are characterized by contiguous plies of material which are not adhesively joined. In other words, the multiple contiguous plies are capable of independent movement and flexing and remain a bag of choice for many granular products such as animal feed.

Under separate cover, Applicant is submitting affidavits directed to the well-known construction and properties of gusseted type bags. Applicant notes for the record that the specification incorporates by reference two U.S. patents directed to gusseted bags and the affidavits are to establish that the bag type and terminology has a well-known meaning to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3172.

Respectfully submitted,

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